

Two US Air Force Thunderbolt II aircraft are shown in flight, banking to the right. The aircraft are white with black and red stripes. The top aircraft has "VN 782" on its tail and "U.S. AIR FORCE" on its side. The bottom aircraft has "VN 33 FTE" on its tail and "U.S. AIR FORCE" on its side. The wings of both aircraft feature the "USAF" logo. The background consists of a large body of water and a shoreline with fields and trees under a clear blue sky.

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“Oh, man, the parking lot is packed; we’re gonna have a long walk to the building.”
“Just park in the visitor’s slot.”
“But I’m not a visitor; I work in this building.”
“I see people do it all the time.”
“Well ... all right.”

Everyone makes choices. In fact, servant leader expert James C. Hunter champions that people make about 1,500 character-impacting decisions a day. Unfortunately, faulty decision making may corrupt many of these daily actions. Bad decisions may then lead to poor choices and horrific outcomes. In the case of the above conversation, this flawed decision may result in angry co-workers or a nasty parking ticket. With previous years as a guide, 2009 will unfortunately witness horrific outcomes from tragic events. Some victims may chalk these negative experiences up to “bad luck,” while many will blame others. And while probability and outsider-negligence will certainly contribute

to some suffering, faulty personal decision making will lead the way to risky choices. Let’s look at **three examples.** Joe sees a newscast of a terrible plane crash in which everyone on board was killed. So instead of flying to Colorado for a planned ski trip, he drives 20-hours straight instead. Joe isn’t dumb; but with the plane crash fresh on his mind, he decides driving 20 hours in the winter is safer than flying, which is not accurate. Researchers would label this dangerous bias toward decision making “**ease of recall.**” Another bias that leads to faulty decision making is “**overconfidence.**” In 2008, *Torch* printed an article about a man who kept pet snakes as a hobby. The longer he handled them, the more confident he grew. As time progressed and his confidence multiplied, he decided to put the head of a live rattlesnake in his mouth to show off in front of his girlfriend. She wasn’t impressed and neither was the viper. It bit him on the tongue and nearly cost him his life.

Finally, “**sunk costs**” must be discussed. Let’s say Joe safely made it to the ski resort, but on the first day of his vacation, he finds the conditions rotten. He is exhausted, the slopes are icy, and the only ski lifts operating are those that service the thorniest areas. Nevertheless, Joe has already paid \$70 for a nonrefundable daily ticket and believes he can’t afford to waste that money. So he decides to ski in the miserable and dangerous conditions — *even though he knows that deciding not to ski would be safer and more enjoyable.* **People do not intend to make bad decisions,** but as 2009 progresses, some invariably will. Perhaps a driver will choose to speed based on what “somebody” did yesterday. A pilot may decide to “bend” a rule based on an exciting story recently heard, while his highly capable and confident cohorts skip some “routine” training. Finally, friends may decide to finish that last pitcher of beer before driving, even though they don’t really want to, because it already has been purchased. Indeed, ease of recall,

overconfidence and sunk cost decision making may claim lives in 2009. This *Torch* calendar is designed to help with decision making amid a deliberate mishap prevention program. Most importantly, it features safety tidbits and safety observances throughout 2009. However for convenience, it also includes federal holidays, paydays, family days and Julian dates, along with a pull-out poster displaying the entire year’s calendar. Faulty decision making will dramatically disrupt lives in 2009 and tragic events will be investigated and well publicized. However, smart decision making will quietly occur during these same 365 days, which will result in the absence of mishaps. Refreshingly, those who plan ahead and think before they act will choose the right path and have a wonderful year ... in safety as well as in life.

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CHOOSING THE RIGHT PATH

Faulty decision making can lead to horrific tragedies, other problems in 2009

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- Bath Safety Month
- Safe Driving Month
- Blood Donor Month
- Home Fire Safety Month
- Family Fit Lifestyle Month
- National Radon Action Month
- Birth Defects Prevention Month
- National Eye Health Care Month
- National Lose Weight, Feel Great Month

1⁰⁰¹

►New Year's Day

►Diet Resolution Week (1-7)

2⁰⁰²

►AETC Family Day

3⁰⁰³ / 4⁰⁰⁴

►New Year's Resolutions Week (4-10)

5⁰⁰⁵

- AETC January Challenge
- Home Office Safety and Security Week (5-9)

6⁰⁰⁶

7⁰⁰⁷

8⁰⁰⁸

9⁰⁰⁹

►Civilian Payday

10⁰¹⁰ / 11⁰¹¹

►Full Moon (10)

12⁰¹²

►National Clean Off Your Desk Day

13⁰¹³

14⁰¹⁴

15⁰¹⁵

►Military Payday

16⁰¹⁶

17⁰¹⁷ / 18⁰¹⁸

- Customer Service Day (17)
- Healthy Weight Week (18-24)

19⁰¹⁹

►Martin Luther King Jr. Day

20⁰²⁰

►Inauguration Day

21⁰²¹

22⁰²²

23⁰²³

►Civilian Payday

24⁰²⁴ / 25⁰²⁵

►Health Awareness Week (25-31)

26⁰²⁶

27⁰²⁷

28⁰²⁸

29⁰²⁹

30⁰³⁰

►Military Payday

31⁰³¹ / —

JANUARY 2009

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THAT FIGURES 9

Number of ground fatalities in Air Education and Training Command during fiscal 2008, including four automobile and two motorcycle mishaps. Other deaths included a man crushed when his vehicle fell off a jack, a pedestrian hit by a truck and a drowning victim.

C-17 GLOBEMASTER III



Primary Function: Cargo and troop transport. **Dimensions:** Wingspan, 169 feet, 10 inches; length, 174 feet; height, 55 feet, 1 inch; weight, 585,000 pounds. **Speed:** 517.5 mph. **Mishap History:** Zero destroyed aircraft from 1991 to fiscal 2008. *Photo by Master Sgt. Russell E. Cooley IV*



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- Sleep Safety Month
- American Heart Month
- Wise Health Care Consumer Month
- National Care about Your Indoor Air Month

- National Freedom Day (1)
- National Burn Awareness Week (1-7)
- National Consumer Protection Week (1-7)

2⁰³³

- Groundhog Day
- Exercise and Fitness Awareness Day

3⁰³⁴

4⁰³⁵

- USO Day

5⁰³⁶

6⁰³⁷

- Civilian Payday

7 / 8⁰³⁹

- Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week (8-14)

9⁰⁴⁰

- Full Moon

10⁰⁴¹

11⁰⁴²

12⁰⁴³

- Lincoln's Birthday

13⁰⁴⁴

- Military Payday

14 / 15⁰⁴⁶

- Valentine's Day (14)

16⁰⁴⁷

- Presidents Day

17⁰⁴⁸

18⁰⁴⁹

19⁰⁵⁰

20⁰⁵¹

- Civilian Payday

21 / 22⁰⁵³

- Washington's Birthday (22)

23⁰⁵⁴

24⁰⁵⁵

25⁰⁵⁶

26⁰⁵⁷

27⁰⁵⁸

- Military Payday

28⁰⁵⁹ / —

FEBRUARY 2009

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THAT FIGURES 5

Number of Air Education and Training Command aircraft destroyed in mishaps during fiscal 2008, including two T-6A Texan IIs, two T-38C Talons and an F-16C Fighting Falcon.

T-37 TWEET



Primary Function: Joint specialized undergraduate pilot training. **Dimensions:** Wingspan, 33 feet, 8 inches; length, 29 feet, 3 inches; height, 9 feet, 2 inches; weight, 6,625 pounds. **Speed:** 360 mph. **Mishap History:** 136 destroyed aircraft from 1956 to fiscal 2008. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matthew Hannen*



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- Foot Health Month
- National Rescue Month
- Save Your Vision Month
- National Nutrition Month
- American Red Cross Month
- Deep Vein Thrombosis Month
- National Collision Awareness Month
- Poison Prevention Awareness Month
- Workplace Eye Health and Safety Month
- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Month

—/1⁰⁶⁰

- Save Your Vision Week (1-7)
- Patient Safety Awareness Week (1-7)
- National Consumer Protection Week (1-7)

MARCH 2009

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THAT FIGURES 66

Number of automobile accidents in Air Education and Training Command during fiscal 2008. Investigators verified that four Airmen did not wear seat belts in these mishaps — two of them died.

2⁰⁶¹

3⁰⁶²

4⁰⁶³

5⁰⁶⁴

6⁰⁶⁵

7/8⁰⁶⁶

►National Anthem Day

►Civilian Payday

- Check Your Batteries Day (8)
- Daylight-saving Time Begins (8)

9⁰⁶⁸

10⁰⁶⁹

11⁰⁷⁰

12⁰⁷¹

13⁰⁷²

14/15⁰⁷³

►Full Moon

►Military Payday

►National Poison Prevention Week (15-21)

16⁰⁷⁵

17⁰⁷⁶

18⁰⁷⁷

19⁰⁷⁸

20⁰⁷⁹

21/22⁰⁸⁰

►Flood Safety Awareness Week (16-20)

►St. Patrick's Day

- Civilian Payday
- First Day of Spring

- National Cleaning Week (22-28)
- Spring Severe Weather Awareness Week (22-28)

23⁰⁸²
30⁰⁸⁹

24⁰⁸³
31⁰⁹⁰

25⁰⁸⁴

26⁰⁸⁵

27⁰⁸⁶

28/29⁰⁸⁷

►National Sleep Awareness Week (29-April 4)

F-22 RAPTOR



Primary Function: Air dominance, multi-role fighter. **Dimensions:** Wingspan, 44 feet, 6 inches; length, 62 feet, 1 inch; height, 16 feet, 8 inches; weight, 83,500 pounds. **Speed:** 1,140 mph. **Mishap History:** One destroyed aircraft from 2002 to fiscal 2008. *Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Meneguín*



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APRIL 2009

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THAT FIGURES 46

Number of motorcycle mishaps in Air Education and Training Command during fiscal 2008. Most of the accidents were on sport bikes and were caused by Airmen exceeding the posted speed limit and losing control of their motorcycles.

T-38 TALON



Primary Function: Advanced jet pilot trainer. **Dimensions:** Wingspan, 25 feet, 3 inches; length, 46 feet, 4 inches; height, 12 feet, 10 inches; weight, 12,093 pounds. **Speed:** 812 mph. **Mishap History:** 191 destroyed aircraft from 1960 to fiscal 2008. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matthew Hannen*

1⁰⁹¹

- Injury Prevention Month
- Sports Eye Safety Month
- Physical Wellness Month
- Stress Awareness Month
- National Car Care Month
- Alcohol Awareness Month
- National Facial Protection Month
- National Youth Sports Safety Month
- National Foot Health Awareness Month

2⁰⁹²

- April Fools Day
- Military Payday
- Medication Safety Week (1-7)

3⁰⁹³

- Civilian Payday
- Alcohol-Free Weekend (3-5)

4 / 5^{094 095}

- National Public Health Week (5-11)

6⁰⁹⁶

- Drowsy Driver Awareness Day

7⁰⁹⁷

- World Health Day
- National Work Zone Awareness Week (7-11)

9⁰⁹⁹

- Full Moon
- National Alcohol Screening Day

10¹⁰⁰

- National Sibling Day

11¹⁰¹ / 12¹⁰²

- Easter (12)

13¹⁰³

- Jefferson's Birthday

14¹⁰⁴

15¹⁰⁵

- Tax Deadline
- Military Payday

16¹⁰⁶

- International Stress Awareness Day

17¹⁰⁷

- Civilian Payday

18¹⁰⁸ / 19¹⁰⁹

- National Tire Safety Week (19-25)
- Customer Awareness Week (19-25)
- National Window Safety Week (19-25)
- Severe Storms Awareness Week (19-25)
- National Playground Safety Week (19-25)

20¹¹⁰

21¹¹¹

22¹¹²

- Earth Day
- Administrative Professionals Day

23¹¹³

24¹¹⁴

- Arbor Day

25¹¹⁵ / 26¹¹⁶

27¹¹⁷

- National SAFE Kids Week (through May 3)

28¹¹⁸

29¹¹⁹

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- Better Sleep Month
- National Family Month
- Motorcycle Safety Month
- National Barbecue Month
- National Sight-Saving Month
- National Electrical Safety Month
- National Good Car Keeping Month
- National Youth Traffic Safety Month
- National Trauma Awareness Month
- National Military Appreciation Month
- Occupational Safety and Health Month
- National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

1¹²¹

- May Day
- Loyalty Day
- Civilian Payday
- Military Payday
- Keep Kids Alive! Drive 25 Day

2 / 3^{122 123}

- Safe Kids Week (3-9)
- National Family Week (3-9)
- National Safe Drinking Water Week (3-9)
- Occupational Safety and Health Week (3-9)

4¹²⁴

5¹²⁵

- National Teachers Day

6¹²⁶

- Occupational Safety and Health Professionals Day

7¹²⁷

8¹²⁸

- World Red Cross Day
- Military Spouse Appreciation Day

9 / 10^{129 130}

- Full Moon (9)
- Mothers Day (10)

11¹³¹

12¹³²

13¹³³

14¹³⁴

15¹³⁵

- Civilian Payday
- Military Payday
- National Safety Dose Day
- International Day of Families

16 / 17^{136 137}

- National Bike Day (16)
- Armed Forces Day (16)
- Babysitter Safety Day (16)
- National Safe Boating Week (16-22)
- National Dog Bite Prevention Week (17-25)
- Emergency Medical Services Week (17-23)

18¹³⁸

19¹³⁹

20¹⁴⁰

21¹⁴¹

22¹⁴²

- Click It or Ticket Mobilization (18-31)
- Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week (18-25)

- National Employee Health and Fitness Day

23 / 24^{143 144}

- 101 Critical Days of Summer Begins (23-Sept. 7)
- Neighbor Day (24)
- National Running and Fitness Week (24-30)

25¹⁴⁵

26¹⁴⁶

27¹⁴⁷

28¹⁴⁸

29¹⁴⁹

- Memorial Day (observed)
- National Buckle Up America Week (25-31)

- Civilian Payday

30 / 31^{150 151}

- Memorial Day (30)
- World No-Tobacco Day (31)



THAT FIGURES 6

Number of bird strikes and foreign object damage that led to Class B flight mishaps (those costing at least \$200,000 but less than \$1 million) in Air Education and Training Command during fiscal 2008: three bird strikes and three FOD incidents.

CV-22 OSPREY



Primary Function: Special operations forces long-range infiltration, exfiltration and re-supply. **Dimensions:** Wingspan, 84 feet, 7 inches; rotary diameter, 38 feet; length, 57 feet, 4 inches; height, 22 feet, 1 inch; weight, 60,500 pounds. **Speed:** 277 mph. **Mishap History:** Zero destroyed Air Force aircraft from 2006 to fiscal 2008. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matthew Hannen*



TORCH

MONDAY

1¹⁵²

►Military Payday

►Home Safety Month

►Student Safety Month

►Great Outdoors Month

►National Safety Month

►National Drive Safe Month

►Cancer from the Sun Month

►National Fireworks Safety Months (June-July)

TUESDAY

2¹⁵³

WEDNESDAY

3¹⁵⁴

►Clean Air Day

THURSDAY

4¹⁵⁵

FRIDAY

5¹⁵⁶

►World Environment Day

SAT/SUN

6¹⁵⁷ / 7¹⁵⁸

►Full Moon (7)

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9¹⁶⁰

10¹⁶¹

11¹⁶²

12¹⁶³

13¹⁶⁴ / 14¹⁶⁵

15¹⁶⁶

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26¹⁷⁷

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THAT FIGURES

Number of fatalities in Air Education and Training Command last year during the historically high-risk summertime — one in an automobile and another on a motorcycle, as well as a pedestrian hit by a truck and a man crushed while doing vehicle repairs.

T-6 TEXAN II

Primary Function:

Entry-level trainer in joint primary pilot training.

Dimensions:

Wingspan, 33.5 feet; length, 33.4 feet; height, 10.7 feet; weight, 6,500 pounds.

Speed:

320 mph.

Mishap History:

Four destroyed aircraft from 2000 to fiscal 2008. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matthew Hannen*



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- Military Payday
- UV Awareness Month
- National Grilling Month
- Eye Injury Prevention Month
- Prescription Awareness Month
- National Teen Safe Driver Month
- Disaster Education and Awareness Month
- National Fireworks Safety Months (June-July)

2¹⁸³

- Halfway Point of 2009

3¹⁸⁴

- Stay Out of the Sun Day
- Independence Day (observed)

4/5^{185/186}

- Independence Day (4)
- Freedom Week (4-10)

6¹⁸⁷

- AETC Family Day

7¹⁸⁸

- Full Moon

8¹⁸⁹

9¹⁹⁰

10¹⁹¹

- Civilian Payday

11/12^{192/193}

13¹⁹⁴

14¹⁹⁵

15¹⁹⁶

- Military Payday

16¹⁹⁷

17¹⁹⁸

- Civilian Payday

18/19^{199/200}

- Parents Day (26)

20²⁰¹

21²⁰²

22²⁰³

23²⁰⁴

24²⁰⁵

- Military Payday

25/26^{206/207}

27²⁰⁸

28²⁰⁹

29²¹⁰

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31²¹²



THAT FIGURES 209

Number of sports and recreation injuries in Air Education and Training Command during fiscal 2008 that caused lost work days. Basketball, flag football and jogging/running injuries led the way.

F-15 EAGLE



Primary Function: Tactical fighter. **Dimensions:** Wingspan, 42.8 feet; length, 63.8 feet; height, 18.5 feet; weight, 68,000 pounds. **Speed:** 1,875 mph. **Mishap History:** 117 destroyed aircraft from 1972 to fiscal 2008. *Photo by Master Sgt. Scott Reed*



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- National Eye Exam Month
- Medic Alert Awareness Month
- Housekeeping/Maintenance Month
- Childrens Eye Health and Safety Month
- National Immunization Awareness Month

►International Friendship Day (2)

3²¹⁵

4²¹⁶

5²¹⁷

6²¹⁸

7²¹⁹

8²²⁰ / 9²²¹

- National Night Out
- Coast Guard Birthday

►Full Moon

►Civilian Payday

10²²²

11²²³

12²²⁴

13²²⁵

14²²⁶

15²²⁷ / 16²²⁸

►International Youth Day

►Military Payday

►National Aviation Week (16-22)

17²²⁹

18²³⁰

19²³¹

20²³²

21²³³

22²³⁴ / 23²³⁵

►National Aviation Day

- Civilian Payday
- Drunk Driving National Crackdown — Over the Limit, Under Arrest (through Sept. 7)

24²³⁶
31²⁴³

25²³⁷

26²³⁸

27²³⁹

28²⁴⁰

29²⁴¹ / 30²⁴²

►National Safe at Home Week (24-28)

AUGUST 2009

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THAT FIGURES 27

Number of Class A flight mishaps (those costing \$1 million or more, or causing loss of life) Air Force-wide during fiscal 2008. Investigators found that preventable human error played a role in many of the mishaps.

C-130 HERCULES



Primary Function: Global airlift. **Dimensions:** Wingspan, 132 feet, 7 inches; length, 97 feet, 9 inches; height, 38 feet, 10 inches; weight, 155,000 pounds. **Speed:** 417 mph. **Mishap History:** 89 destroyed aircraft from 1955 to fiscal 2008. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matthew Hannen*



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- Mold Awareness Month
- Food Safety Education Month
- National Preparedness Month
- Baby Safety Awareness Month
- Backpack Safely America Month
- National Campus Fire Safety Month
- Sports/Home Eye Health and Safety Month
- National Childhood Injury Prevention Month

1²⁴⁴

- Military Payday
- National Childhood Injury Prevention Week (1-7)

2²⁴⁵

3²⁴⁶

4²⁴⁷

- Full Moon
- Civilian Payday

5 / 6^{248 249}

- National Suicide Prevention Week (6-12)

7²⁵⁰

- Labor Day
- 101 Critical Days of Summer Ends

8²⁵¹

- International Literacy Day

9²⁵²

10²⁵³

- Stop a Suicide Today Day
- World Suicide Prevention Day

11²⁵⁴

- Patriot Day (9/11 Observance)

12 / 13^{255 256}

- National Grandparents Day (13)
- Constitution Week (13-19)

14²⁵⁷

15²⁵⁸

- Military Payday

16²⁵⁹

17²⁶⁰

- Citizenship Day
- Constitution Day

18²⁶¹

- Civilian Payday
- Air Force Birthday (62nd Anniversary)

19 / 20^{262 263}

- National Seat Check Saturday (19)
- National POW/MIA Recognition Day (19)
- National Clean Hands Week (20-26)
- Child Passenger Safety Week (20-26)
- National Farm/Ranch Safety/Health Week (20-26)

21²⁶⁴

- International Day of Peace

22²⁶⁵

- First Day of Fall

23²⁶⁶

24²⁶⁷

25²⁶⁸

26 / 27^{269 270}

- National Hunting and Fishing Day (26)
- Family Health and Fitness Day USA (26)
- National Chimney Safety Week (27-Oct. 3)
- Remember to Register to Vote Week (27-Oct. 3)
- Adult Immunization Awareness Week (27-Oct. 3)

28²⁷¹

- National Good Neighbor Day

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THAT FIGURES 3

Body parts — backs, knees and ankles — that were most prone to injury and contributed to the most lost duty days. Command-wide, there were 3,603 lost duty days because of injury in fiscal 2008.

F-16 FIGHTING FALCON



Primary Function: Multi-role fighter aircraft. **Dimensions:** Wingspan, 32 feet, 8 inches; length, 49 feet, 5 inches; height, 16 feet; weight, 37,500 pounds. **Speed:** 1,500 mph. **Mishap History:** 307 destroyed aircraft from 1975 to fiscal 2008. *Photo by Master Sgt. Andy Dunaway*



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- Childrens Health Month
- Halloween Safety Month
- Emotional Wellness Month
- National Ergonomics Month
- National Family Health Month
- National Fire Prevention Month
- National Brain Injury Awareness Month
- National Window Covering Safety Month
- National Car Care and Battery Safety Month
- National Animal Safety and Protection Month
- National Depression Education and Awareness Month

1²⁷⁴

- Military Payday
- National Depression Screening Day

2²⁷⁵

- Civilian Payday
- National Diversity Day

3 / 4^{276 277}

- Full Moon (4)
- National Fire Prevention Week (4-10)

5²⁷⁸

- World Teachers Day
- National Child Health Day
- Drive Safely Work Week (5-9)

6²⁷⁹

7²⁸⁰

8²⁸¹

9²⁸²

10 / 11^{283 284}

12²⁸⁵

- Columbus Day

13²⁸⁶

- Navy Birthday

14²⁸⁷

- International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction

15²⁸⁸

- Military Payday

16²⁸⁹

- Civilian Payday
- World Food Day
- National Boss Day

17 / 18^{289 291}

- National Radon Action Week (18-24)
- National School Bus Safety Week (18-24)
- National Infection Prevention Week (18-24)
- Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (18-24)
- National Lead Poisoning Protection Week (18-24)

19²⁹²

- Food and Drug Interaction Education and Awareness Week (19-25)

20²⁹³

21²⁹⁴

22²⁹⁵

23²⁹⁶

24 / 25^{297 298}

- United Nations Day (24)
- Prescription Error Education/Awareness Week (25-31)

26²⁹⁹

27³⁰⁰

28³⁰¹

29³⁰²

30³⁰³

- Civilian Payday
- Military Payday

31 / —³⁰⁴

- Halloween

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THAT FIGURES 16

Number of fires in Air Education and Training Command during fiscal 2008, the lowest ever. To continue to improve in 2009, AETC fire safety officials say they will emphasize prevention efforts in cooking practices, use of candles in dormitories and work area safety.

T-1 JAYHAWK



Primary Function: Advanced trainer for airlift and tanker pilots. **Dimensions:** Wingspan, 43 feet, 6 inches; length, 48 feet, 5 inches; height, 13 feet, 11 inches; weight, 16,100 pounds. **Speed:** 538 mph. **Mishap History:** One destroyed aircraft from 1992 to fiscal 2008. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matthew Hannen*



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- Good Nutrition Month
- Aviation History Month
- National Home Care Month
- Child Safety and Protection Month
- Military Family Appreciation Month
- Personal Protective Equipment Month

- Daylight-saving Time Ends (1)
- Winter Hazard Awareness Week (1-7)

2³⁰⁶

3³⁰⁷

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6³¹⁰

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► Full Moon

► Election Day

9³¹³

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11³¹⁵

12³¹⁶

13³¹⁷

14³¹⁸ / 15³¹⁹

► Marine Corps Birthday

► Veterans Day

- Civilian Payday
- Military Payday
- World Kindness Day

► World Day Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (15)

16³²⁰

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21³²⁵ / 22³²⁶

► MADD's Tie One On for Safety
Holiday Campaign (through Dec. 31)

► Great American Smokeout

- National Family Volunteer Day (21)
- National Survivors of Suicide Day (21)
- National Family Week (22-28)
- National Teens Don't Text and Drive Week (22-28)

23³²⁷
/ 30³³⁴

24³²⁸

25³²⁹

26³³⁰

27³³¹

28³³² / 29³³³

► Thanksgiving

- Civilian Payday
- AETC Family Day

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THAT FIGURES 5

Number of Airmen who died in Air Education and Training Command aviation mishaps during fiscal 2008 — four in T-38C Talons and one in an F-16C Fighting Falcon.

HH-60 PAVE HAWK




Primary Function: Combat search and rescue and military operations other than war in day, night or marginal weather conditions. **Dimensions:** Rotor diameter, 53 feet, 7 inches; length, 64 feet, 8 inches; height, 16 feet, 8 inches; weight, 22,000 pounds. **Speed:** 184 mph. **Mishap History:** 11 destroyed aircraft from 1982 to fiscal 2008. *Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Allen*



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► Safe Toys and Gifts Month ► National Stress-Free Family Holiday Month ► MADD's Tie One On for Safety Holiday Campaign ► Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month	► Military Payday ► Civil Air Patrol Birthday	► Full Moon			
7 ³⁴¹	8 ³⁴²	9 ³⁴³	10 ³⁴⁴	11 ³⁴⁵	12 ³⁴⁶ / 13 ³⁴⁷
► International Civil Aviation Day ► Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day			► Human Rights Day	► Civilian Payday	► National Guard Birthday
14 ³⁴⁸	15 ³⁴⁹	16 ³⁵⁰	17 ³⁵¹	18 ³⁵²	19 ³⁵³ / 20 ³⁵⁴
	► Military Payday ► Bill of Rights Day		► Wright Brothers Day		
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► Forefathers Day ► First Day of Winter			► Civilian Payday	► Christmas	
28 ³⁶²	29 ³⁶³	30 ³⁶⁴	31 ³⁶⁵		
► AETC Family Day			► Military Payday ► New Year's Eve		



THAT FIGURES **2**

Number of command automobile mishap fatalities that involved alcohol in fiscal 2008. On average, alcohol is involved in 40 percent of all traffic accidents and 25 percent of all suicides nationwide each year.

KC-135 STRATOTANKER



Primary Function: Aerial refueling and airlift. **Dimensions:** Wingspan, 130 feet, 10 inches; length, 136 feet, 3 inches; height, 41 feet, 8 inches; weight, 322,500 pounds. **Speed:** 530 mph. **Mishap History:** 64 destroyed aircraft from 1956 to fiscal 2008. *Photo by Master Sgt. Scott Reed*

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